## **DECISION MEMORANDUM**

TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER

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**COMMISSION STAFF** 

FROM: KRISTINE SASSER

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**DATE:** AUGUST 22, 2013

SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY'S APPLICATION

FOR A CPCN FOR INVESTMENT IN SELECTIVE CATALYTIC REDUCTION CONTROLS ON JIM BRIDGER UNITS 3 & 4, CASE NO.

IPC-E-13-16

On June 28, 2013, Idaho Power Company filed an Application with the Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 61-541. The Company seeks authorization of its investment in Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) controls in Jim Bridger Units 3 and 4 and inclusion of the investment in Idaho Power's rate base once the SCR controls are installed and operational. The Company requests that the Commission issue an Order approving the CPCN no later than November 29, 2013.

On July 19, 2013, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and set a deadline for intervention. Order No. 32857. The Commission also directed Staff to convene an informal prehearing conference. The Industrial Customers of Idaho Power, Idaho Conservation League, and Snake River Alliance petitioned for, and were granted, intervention. Order No. 32859. A Notice of Parties was issued on August 6, 2013.

## THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Pursuant to the Commission's directive, the parties met on August 22, 2013, to discuss a procedural schedule, service of discovery, and other issues pertinent to the processing of this case. Based on that meeting, the parties propose the following procedural schedule:

Prefiled direct testimony deadline for intervenors and Staff

Rebuttal testimony deadline for Idaho Power November 13, 2013

Deadline for the filing of legal briefs November 15, 2013

Technical hearing November 22, 2013

The parties request legal briefing on the narrow issues related to the legal interpretation and application of *Idaho Code* §§ 61-526 through 61-528 and § 61-541 because arguments regarding the application of these statutes are better suited for legal briefing than expert testimony. The parties also agree that best efforts will be made to answer discovery within 14 days, but no later than 21 days from the date of the discovery request.

## **COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to adopt the schedule proposed by the parties and issue a Notice of Schedule and Notice of Technical Hearing?

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